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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
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**Re: Request for Extension of Prepaid Advantage Program  
Docket No. 2015-136-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On December 20, 2017, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") issued its Order No. 2017-756 in the above-referenced docket approving an extension through June 30, 2018 for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's ("DEC" or "the Company") Prepaid Advantage Program (the "Pilot"). In such Order, the Commission also approved an increase in the Pilot's participation limit to 4,000 customers. As the Pilot continues to operate and progress, the Company continues to gain a deeper understanding of the Pilot's challenges, and how the Pilot can potentially be improved upon should the Company determine that full-scale deployment is appropriate.

During the Pilot's most recent extension, customer adoption has not increased as quickly as anticipated, and the Pilot includes approximately 2,500 subscribing customers, below the limit of 4,000. In order to accommodate current participants and to allow for a thorough analyses of the program, the Company respectfully requests the Commission approve an extension of the Pilot through December 31, 2018.

Extending the Pilot through December 31, 2018 allows the Company to continue to serve the Pilot's existing customers and to permit organic growth in its participation. The extension also provides DEC time to assess the best design for potential full-scale implementation.

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The Company does not propose to change the Prepaid Advantage Program tariff, except to address the requested extension, or to change the Pilot's existing terms and conditions. The Company notes that this request does not require a determination of the entire rate structure of DEC nor its overall rate of return, and, as result, neither notice to the public nor a hearing is required. See S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-870(F).

Accordingly, Duke Energy Carolinas respectfully requests that the Commission approve the extension of the Pilot, effective through December 31, 2018.

Sincerely,



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